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Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 12th, 1880

The Council met at the usual hour in the Council-chamber, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present — Aldermen Campbell, Pritchard, Thompson, Skinner, Taylor, Hiscox, Greer, Edleston, Glass, Ardell, Scarrow, Rayner, Peel, Egan, Powell, Gray, Boyd and Fizgerald.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed by the Mayor, the following communications were read :—

From Peter McCann, asking permission to construct a trap-door in the sidewalk fronting the new Ontario Saving Society building in the market. Granted.

From N. Broadbent, praying the Council to remit taxes on his premises on Bathurst street. Referred to Finance and Assessment Committee.

From George Hayes, asking permission to make an addition to his residence. Granted.

From Wm. Shoebottom, complaining of the assessment upon his property. Referred to Finance Committee.

Were received from John Cameron, $231.94, for advertising and printing. Referred to Printing Committee.

From John Millar, for supplies to park. $3.95.

From Returning Officers of the late municipal election, as follows :—Edward Glackmeyer, $20 ; John Plummer, $20.50; John M. Keary, $27.50 ; A. Wallace, $9.50 ; C. S. Corrigan, $44 ; Alex. Purdom, $11 ; Alex. Gunn, $30.50 ; H. S. Woodward, $11 ; R. Dinahan, $24. Referred to Finance Committee.

Ald. Campbell, chairman, submitted the following report :

The Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts, find them correct, and would recommend the same to be paid :

Hospital account	$ 769.15
City Hall	17.10
Registry Office	3.00
Police Department	50.88
Relief to poor	168.79
Incidental expenses	26.00
Palace Grounds, Scragg's acc't	15.00
Fire Department	1,217.78
Pay Sheet, City Officials	2,475.00
H. Winder, pound-keeper	12.50
T. H. Tracy	146.00
T. Peel, police clothing	120.00
M. D. Dawson, printing	22.28
"Catholic Record"	3.60
W. R. Meredith, city solicitor, account	978.77
Gas Co.'s account	1,579.17
Stevens, Turner & Burns	95.50
Stevens, Turner & Burns again	11.50
Total	$7,712.02

The communication from C. P. Smith, Esq., relating to arrears of taxes on Almer and Wellington streets, being the George Moorehead property, was considered, and your Committee would recommend that the amount on the roll, $96, for 1877, be struck off, as we find that we cannot collect it legally.

Your Committee has also considered the petition of Messrs. W. J. Thompson and Geo. E. Bawden for remission of fines for obstructing the sidewalk, and would recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted and the fines remitted.

That the assessors be instructed to proceed with their duties as soon as possible, and to include all property and incomes formerly exempt on the roll, especially Government officials and clergymen.

That the assessor be instructed to assess all exempted property.

On motion, the report was adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ald. Egan, Chairman of the Committee of Fire, Water and Gas, submitted the following report :

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the account of London

Gas Light Company amounting to $1,790.-63, subject to the following reduction.

Lamps not lighted for quarter ending 31st December, as per Chief Police report $2,962 at 6-8, $181.42. Average struck of not lighted for same time of five new lamps. 165 nights, $10.31. Total on lamps not lighted, $191.73. In the matter of charge for connecting pipe with city buildings excepting City Hospital, amounted to $17.70. Your Committee have referred to the City Engineer to report as to city liabilities for the same, and who gives his opinion that said Company is not entitled to that.

Your Committee would therefore recommend payment of said account less deductions referred to, amounting to $1,589.17.

Account of Stevens, Turner & Burns, amounting to $155.35. Your Committee report payment of $94.50 of this amount. The balence of account, $25.20, charged for repairs to hydrants gate, referred to Water Commissioners, and $35,60 charged for extension pieces, was not entertained.

Accounts for the Fire Department certified to, by Chief Engineer Wastie, amounting to $636.15. Your committee would recommend payment.

Your Committee recommend the filling of a tank on southwest corner of market square.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the report of the Fire Department.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The following annual report of Mr. Thos. Wastie, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, was presented :

To Ald. Egan, Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee of the City Council of London:

Sir,—I most respectfully submit my annual report for the Fire Department for the year ending 31st December, 1879 :

The Department now consists of one Chief Engineer, one foreman and two drivers, who are permanently employed at the Fire Station, the supervision of hydrants and fire alarm telegraph throughout the city. The remainder of the force, nine in number, are at call for active fire duty only.

The introduction of the hydrant system having necessitated a complete change in the discipline of the Department, and the alteration of the stable houses and apparatus, considerable expense has in consequence occurred. The permanent men of the force have, when possible, rendered efficient assistance in any work required. The entire station has been repaired and painted, and a storeroom for Nos. 1 and 2 engines provided, where they are available at any moment for service if required. These engines were, by resolution of your Committee and the Council, offered for sale, and circulars descriptive of them and the terms required were mailed to the different towns and villages in Canada. Considerable enquiry was made respecting them, but no offers of purchase. They are valued as follows :—No. 1, $2,500 ; No. 2, $3,200, with heater attachment. They are insured for $4,000, and are in good condition.

Stables.—The stables have been altered, and the stall doors are now opened by the new automatic relieving bar. The horses stand untied in the stalls and face the apparatus to which they are required to be hitched. A new patent harness is hung above the pole or shafts, and is now rapidly adjusted to the horses, and thus relieving them of the necessity of being constantly harnessed as formerly. Closets for clothing and harness, and drainage have been constructed, and the whole station is now in the best condition of repairs. The horses, four in number, are in good condition and well trained. They are regularly exercised six hours per day.

Equipments. — The hook-and-ladder truck required some alterations to suit the new extension ladder and to carry other ladders and tools ; a good substantial job has been made of it. It is drawn by one horse. There is one four-wheeled hose-reel, carrying eight hundred feet of hose, with necessary equipments, drawn by one span of horses, which, together with the hook-and-ladder truck, always leaves the station immediately upon the first alarm of fire. There is also a two-wheeled reel, carrying seven hundred feet of hose, with equipment, drawn by one horse, which is kept in reserve in case of two fires at the same time in the city. There is 1,500 feet of hose of second-class quality, also held in reserve for any emergency. One thousand feet of new hose was purchased in March last, which is giving good satisfaction. There is also a supply wagon and a new sleigh, which are used for exercising horses and for supplying extra hose to the reels in case of large fires.

Fire Alarm Telegraph. — The fire alarm telegraph system has been extended, nearly two miles of wire having been added during the year. Three new signals have also been added, viz., telephone signal No. 2, residence of Chief Engineer, corner of Ridout and Carling streets ; box No. 9, corner of Bond and Maitland streets ; box No. 26, corner of William and Hill streets. These boxes are of the new automatic pattern, the alarm being given from them by simply opening the door. Considerable breakage of wire has occurred during the year by ice and wind storms. The battery consists of seventy-two cells, and is in good working order. It has been increased thirty-six cells during the year. The gongs and boxes are all in good condition, though considerable repairs were needed by them during the year. The entire line has been carefully inspected, and is in first-class codiiion. I would recommend the immediate construction of three more boxes, one on the corner of Maple and Richmond streets, one on the corner of Hill and Waterloo streets, for the use of the neighborhood and City Hospital, and one on the corner of Waterloo and Bathurst streets. In connection with the fire alarm the Department have attended the ringing of the City Hall bell for fires since June last, but I would recommend a more efficient mode of general alarm, as our force is too weak to spare a man at such a distance from the fire station. If the bell could be placed in a tower at the fire station, it would be more available, and could be rung for the hours of the day, as well as for fire alarms, by the men on duty.

Tanks.—A large number of tanks are in a dangerous condition, and require filling up with earth or material immediately. The Department have assisted in having four in the park and five in different parts of the city filled up already.

Hydrants.—The working of the hydrants since the pressure was first obtained in the mains in March last is excellent, and is quite sufficient for any emergency. The engines have not been used at any fires since the opening of the water-works. Some system must be adopted for the repair of leaky or broken hydrants immediately, as the contractor's guarantee has expired.

Fires and Alarms.—The whole number of fires and alarms during the year was 91. At 68 of this number the apparatus of the Department was used, and the balance were extinguished with trifling loss before our arrival. There were 13 alarms for fire outside the city limits, and at 8 of these the Department rendered assistance. The most calamitous for some years in the city occurred at Messrs. Carling's new brewery last winter, and involved a loss of about $150,000. The total loss by fire within the city limits for the year is about $200,000, covered by insurance to the amount of $130,000. The efficiency of the Department, as at present established, has been greatly increased by reason of the hydrant system. Nearly equal protection is now given to all parts of the city. The Department can now put water on every fire within a radius of one mile from the station, inside of five minutes from the time of the alarm. The new controlling nozzles are of great advantage in the saving of water, and in the speedy shifting of hose to any part of a building. In the case of incipient fires in buildings stored with goods damageable by water, they are invaluable. The immediate effect of our present system of water supply and fire protection has been to reduce insurance rates about one-eighth per cent. The premiums paid within the city limits in 1878 amounted to about $160,000. The saving for this year in premiums paid would be about $20,000.

Steam Heating. — Another excellent enterprise, which is being successfully introduced throughout the city, is the heating of buildings by steam. It is particularly valnable in the closely built portions of the city, among manufacturers and large warehouses, which are generally unoccupied during the night. The general introduction of this admirable system of heating in our climate will undoubtedly give a greater measure of safety to property and a further reduction in insurance rates.

The Department.—The *morale* of the Department has been excellent. Upon no occasion whatever have I had to report neglect of duty or improper conduct on the part of any member of the Department. Their duties, often arduous, and proformed under great disadvantages, have been willingly and effectively rendered. I trust to the satisfaction of your Committee and the City Council.

The Suburbs.—Another year has pass-

ed since I called your attention to the unprotected condition of our suburbs. The Department has continued to afford gratuitous assistance when summoned, but trust that very soon some arrangement may be made satisfactory to all concerned.

UNIFORM.—The Department is in great need of a suitable uniform for service at fires. I would recommend that good heavy cloth coats and pants be given the men as soon as possible. The Department have had no uniform for six years except four branchmen's coats.

I have to thank your honorable Committee for your generous conduct towards myself and the Department for the past year, and beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,
THOMAS WASTIE,
Chief of the Fire Department.

Moved by Ald. Egan, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Ald. Powell, Chairman of the Hospital and Relief Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Hospital and Relief Committee beg to report that they have examined, passed and referred the following accounts for Hospital supplies to the Finance Committee for payment, viz.:

Cab hire	$ 1 00
Shafer, surgical instruments	3 00
W. Ward carpenter work	35 15
Cab hire, for patients	1 00
Cab hire, "	75
Wm. Hinton, interments	19 50
Wm. Hinton, "	43 75
O'Callaghan, groceries	95 00
Bricklin, meat	97 66
Mrs. Walsh, milk	25 88
Ranahan, bread	33 36
Brock, fish	19 50
Strong, medicine	60 85
Sutherland, dry goods	40 23
West, vegetables	2 50
Wyatt, tinware	9 70
McBride & Boyd, Hospital roof, etc	14 45
Reid & Co., crockery	8 30
Labatt & Co., ale	27 00
J. Cowan, hardware	17 85
Grant, servants' wages	68 00
Garnt, postage	2 20
Colgrave, vegetables	17 10
Dundas, straw	8 50
Hudson, work	6 69
Myles, coal	62 50
S. McBride, ——	40 55
Cab hire ——	2 00
	$969 15

The Relief Officer submitted his report for the month of December, showing the amounts of cash and wood distributed throughout the different Wards in the city, viz.:

No. 1	Ward	Cash,	$12 00	Wood,	17½ cords.
No. 2	"	"	16 30	"	7 "
No. 3	"	"	00	"	10 "
No. 4	"	"	28 40	"	5 "
No. 5	"	"	4 00	"	23½ "
No. 6	"	"	19 00	"	14 "
No. 7	"	"	14 30	"	7 "
			$93 00		84 cords.

Your Committee, having advertised for wood for relief and hospital purposes, beg to report that they received an unusual number of tenders, and recommend the acceptance of the following tenders, viz.:—John Gilman, 200 cords of green wood, at $3.20 per cord, and 50 cords of dry wood, at $3.00 per cord. Robt. Ironsides, 50 cords of green wood, at $3.18 per cord; and John Bell, 50 cords of dry wood, at $3.25 per cord.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I beg leave to submit the following report of the medical and surgical work done in the Hospital for the quarter ending 31st December, 1879:

Remaining in Hospital Oct. 31st	40
" " Dec. 31st	48
No. admitted	76
Medical	34
Surgical	28
Confinements	9
Births	5
No. discharged	68
Cured	50
Improved	18
Died	5
No. prescriptions	380
Original	180
Refilled	200
Out patients	80
Expenses	$161 47

Dr. Fraser.	Dr. Niven.	Dr. Waugh.
Oct. 15	Oct. 12	Oct. 3
Nov. 9	Nov. 8	Nov. 3
Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 11
36	35	17

I beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1879:

No. remaining in Hospital Dec. 31st, 1878	40
No. admitted during the year	273
Births	30
	343
No. remaining in Hospital Dec. 31st, 1879	48
No. discharged during the year	270
Died	25
	343

A detailed statement of expenses of General Hospital, London, for the year ending December 31st, 1879:

G., W. and liquors	$1,492 69
Bread	389 07
Milk	266 63
Dry goods	357 34
Soft soap	48 00
Coal	361 81
Oil, lamp stoves	215 97
Med. and surgery	538 94
Servants' salaries	670 13
Interments and graves	134 55
Crockery	49 45
Butchers' meat	966 28
Furniture	73 95
Fish	90 06
Vegetables and potatoes	124 84
Repairing	60 06
Green, for lumber	13 85
Sawing wood	25 20
Straw	59 15
EVENING HERALD	5 00
Lime	2 40
Beer	45 00
Trees and Planting	23 08
Onions	1 60
Plumbing	45 12
Manure and ploughing	19 50
Clothes baskets	1 65
Chimney sweeping	2 00
Advertising	4 00
Repair sewing machine	1 05
Lawnsprinkler and hose	33 25
Glazing	8 50
Gravel	12 75
Garden seeds	8 78
Cab	50
Medical expenses, conveying Stead to Hamilton	16 35
Hardware for year, nails, oils, &c.	44 59
Ice	12 00
Repairs on beds	17 70
Saw sharpening	6 69
Postage	7 20
Officers' salaries	1,000 00
	$7,256 68

RECEIPTS DURING SAME PERIOD.

Ontario Government grant	$2,786 50
County of Middlesex account due	1,024 13
for patients	182 50
From T'p Colborne, Co. Huron	
From T'p Leamington, Co. Essex	15 50
From T'p London, Co. Middlesex	8 50
From Petrolia, Co. Lambton	32 50
From pension office	148 00
Patients paying themselves	755 70
Sale of old matting by Berry & Brown	6 70
	4,960 03
Savings Bank Fund	409 50
	$5,369 53

Total number of patients under treatment during year 343, which made a collective stay 16,529 days, an average stay of 48 days each, and a daily residence of 45 patients. Average cost per day 44 cents.

STEPHEN GRANT,
Hospital Steward.

Dec. 31st, 1879.

EXPENSES OF THE LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL DURING YEAR WHICH ENDED SEPT. 30TH, 1879.

Butchers' meat	941 86
Groceries, wines, liquors and brooms	1,520 38
Bread	388 96
Milk	248 49
Portage	6 10
Clothing, sheeting, bedding, toweling	284 64
Fuel	352 71
Straw	43 15
Medicine and surgical instruments	483 80
Servants' salaries	656 76
Coffins, graves and funerals	151 05
Soft soap and cleaning	57 00
Oil, lamps, stoves and tin ware	230 58
Crockery, glassware, cutlery	45 28
Hardware	7 89
Plumbers' work	44 57
Furniture	21 25
Boots, &c.	2 50
Glazing, &c.	5 50
Fish	65 90
Vegetables	136 00
Beer	66 00
Repairing bedsteads	2 25
Saw sharpening	4 20
Ice for season	15 00

Gravel	20 25	
Apples	3 25	
Garden seeds and trees	23 78	
Cut of building	25 00	
Dust brooms	3 50	
Repairing	32 41	
Pillows	9 00	
Outside doors	22 75	
Newspapers and stationery	6 10	
Kingsmill's account	6 04	
	$5,933 90	
McBride and Boyd, repairs of roof	11 10	
Cab	50	
Lumber	13 85	
Sawing wood	12 20	
Lime	2 40	
Onions	1 60	
Lawn sprinkler, chimney sweeping, &c	74 45	
Medical Examination and conveying patient to Asylum	16 35	
Wood, say	200 00	
Whitewashing, water in building, &c., as per Engineers certificates	375 76	
	$6,642.11	
Officers Salaries	1,000 00	
	$7,642.11	
Receipts during same period.		
Government of Ontario	2,786 50	
County of Middlesex	2,549 73	
Paying patients	1,246 96	
Income from property, &c.	641 92	
	7,225 11	
	$ 417 00	

Statements of moneys and wood expended for the poor of the city, from the first day of January, 1879, to the first day of January, 1880, and devided in the several wards as follows :—

No. 1	Ward,	Cash,	$107 25	Wood,	77	cords.
" 2	"	"	213 80	"	33½	"
" 3	"	"	18 00	"	53½	"
" 4	"	"	52 05	"	22½	"
" 5	"	"	43 50	"	107½	"
" 6	"	"	167 50	"	76	"
" 7	"	"	47 00	"	32	"
			$654 10		402 cords.	

All of which is respectfully summitted.

R. Hughes, R. C.

His Worship wished to know if the amount of $118, due from London East, had been paid.

Ald. Greer stated that the bill had been presented but the amount had not been paid.

Moved by Ald. Powell, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the report be adopted.

Moved by Ald. Muirhead, seconded by Ald. Edlestone, that the clause relative to the tenders for wood be amended by substituting the name of John Fairgreave; be substituted for the parties named, and that his tender be accepted at $3.65 per cord, delivered as directed throughout the city. Casried.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Greer, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the matter be referred back to the Committee with power. Lost.

Motion carried.

On motion the report was adopted as amended.

Ald. Williams, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, submitted the following report :

Your Committee beg to recommend that the petition of the True Blue Band for one of the empty houses on the Exhibition grounds be granted, the petitioners paying the extra insurance.

Your Committee beg to report that the sum of $344.50 has been received for renting stables and grazing during the past year. The above amount has been paid over to the City Chambertain.

On motion the report was adopted.

A By-law for the apppointment of High School Trustees was read a first time.

Moved by Ald. Skinner, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that Ald. Williams be appointed.

Moved by Ald. Eddleston, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that Ald. Powell be appointed.

Moved by Ald. Greer, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that Dr. Sippi be appointed.

A vote was then taken with the following result : Ald. Powell, 16; Ald. Williams, 14 ; Dr. Sippi, 12.

Ald. Powell and Ald. Williams were declared elected.

The By-law was read a 1st, 2nd and 3rd times and passed.

The resolution for submitting the questions of Frontage Tax and sale of Exhibition grounds to the ratepayers was read:

Whereas, propositions have been made to the Municipal Council of the City of London, for selling the grounds known as the Exhibition Grounds in the said city, and for the paying for street improvements by means of a frontage tax on the property benefitted, according to its value, exclusive of improvements, and it is expedient before taking action thereon, to obtain the opinion of the electors upon the said propositions;

Be it therefore resolved by the said Municipal Council,

1. That the following questions be submitted to the electors of the said City of London, on the third Monday in March next ensuing, that is to say :

(1.) Are you in favor of selling the Exhibition Grounds in the City of London?

(2.) Are you in favor of paying for street improvements by means of a Frontage Tax on the property benefitted, according to the value exclusive of improvements?

2. That the voting upon the said two questions shall be open and not by ballot.

3. That it shall be the duty of the several Deputy Returning Officers appointed to take the votes of all electors who shall vote at their respective polling sub-divisions upon the said two questions, and to record such votes and to certify the result to the City Clerk within one week after the holding of the said elections.

4. That every person qualified to vote at the Municipal elections, shall be entitled to vote upon the said two questions.

Passed in open Council this twelfth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

R Lewis, Mayor.
A. S. Abbott, City Clerk.

Moved, in amendment to the amendment, by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the clause referring to the Exhibition Grounds be struck out. Lost.

Yeas—Alds. Muirhead, Pritchard, Thompson, Skinner and Powell.

Nays — Campbell, Gray, Fitzgerald, Stringer, Taylor, Greer, Edleston, Glass, Ardell, Boyd, Williams, Scarrow, Rayner, Peel and Egan.

Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald. Glass, that the clause referring to frontage tax be struck out. Lost.

Yeas—Alds. Stringer, Edleston, Glass, Ardell, Boyd, Scarrow, Rayner, Peel and Egan.

Nays—Alds. Muirhead, Campbell, Gray; Pritchard, Thompson, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Taylor, Greer and Powell.

Ald. Thompson moved, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that the date be fixed for 29th February. Lost.

Moved by Ald. Egan, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that this Council request the incoming Council to submit a scheme whereby the proceeds of sale of Exhibition Grounds can be most advantageously applied, and that they ascertain an approximate cost of other grounds and the erection of suitable buildings. Carried.

His Worship, at this stage, vacated the chair, which on motion was assumed by Ald. Pritchard.

Ald. Campbell moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the thanks of this Committee be and is hereby tendered to His Worship the Mayor, for the courteous and dignified manner in which he fulfilled his duties during his term of office. Carried.

His Worship acknowledged the compliment, and having thanked the Council resumed his seat.

Ald. Glass moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the retiring members. Carried.

Aldermen Fitzgerald, Powell, Stringer, Greer, Edleston, Ardell, Gray, Williams, Peel, Egan and Rayner, returned thanks.

On motion of Ald. Ardell, seconded by Ald. Gray, a vote of thanks was passed to the City Clerk, which was acknowledged.

His Worship testified to the officiency of the Chief Constable and staff, acknowledged by Mr. Williams.

On motion of Ald. Powell, seconded by Ald. Skinner, a vote of thanks was passed to the reporters of the city press. Replied to by Messrs. Rayner and Matthews.

The thanks of the Council were tendered to the medical staff of the General Hospital, and Council adjourned.

After a vote of thanks to the retiring Aldermen and the press, the Board dissolved.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 19th, 1880

The new Board of Aldermen for the year 1880 met in the Council-chamber to-day at noon. Present—Mayor elect, John Campbell, Esq.; His Worship Mayor Lewis, presiding; and Aldermen Pritchard, Muirhead, Meredith, Thompson, Murray Cowan, Skinner, Taylor, Hiscox, Jones, Rooks, Glass, Milroy, Browne, Wilson, Buckle, Wyatt, Sharman, Peel and Scarrow.

The members having severally taken and subscribed their qualifications, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Ex-Mayor Lewis then introduced Mayor-Elect Campbell to the Council and installed him in office, with the customary congratulations.

His Worship addressed the Council and nominated Mr. John Smith as Auditor.

The Clerk read applications for appointment from the following gentlemen: Messrs. A. G. Smyth, John Overall, P. Barnard, Robt. Waddell and Alex. Gunn.

The ballot was taken and resulted as follows:

FIRST BALLOT.

A. G. Smythe	11
J. Overall	5
P. C. Barnard	6
Robt. Waddell	10
Alex. Gunn	9

J. Overall fell out.

SECOND.

A. G. Smythe	15
P. C. Barnard	9
Robt. Waddell	13
Alex. Gunn	11

P. C. Barnard fell out.

THIRD.

A. G. Smythe	14
Robt. Waddell	11
Alex. Gunn	9

Alex. Gunn fell out.

FOURTH.

A. G. Smythe	13
Robt. Waddell	11

Mr. A. G. Smythe was therefore declared elected.

Moved by Ald. Skinner, and seconded by Ald. Boyd, that Alds. Pritchard, Thompson, Hiscox, Glass, Boyd, Peel and Skinner, be a Special Committee to draft Standing Committees for the year 1880, and that said Committee report to this Council at this evening's session. Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 26th, 1889.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present—Ald. Pritchard, Muirhead, Meredith, Thompson, Murray, Cowan, Taylor, Jones, Hiscox, Rooks, Milroy, Glass, Browne, Wilson, Boyd, Scarrow, Buckle, Wyatt, Sharman, Skinner, Peel.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following communications were read:

From W. D. Otter, asking for a grant for the Ontario Rifle Association. Finance Committee.

From J. B. Mills, Reeve of Springfield, asking if the London Junction Railway is intended to pass through Springfield, and stating that the village would be willing to assist the scheme. Railway Committee.

From Dr. Wilkinson, resigning his position as physician of the small-pox Hospital and entering a claim for $25 for past services. Finance Committee.

From L. Baily, asking for reduction of assessment. Finance and Assessment.

From the Secretary of the Western Fair Board asking for a withdrawal of the Exhibition Grounds By-law. Exhibition Committee.

From E. Johnston, Deputy Clerk of Peace, with reference to returns of convictions. Referred to Finance Committee.

From John & J. G. Park, applying for positions as chimney sweeps. Fire, Water and Gas.

From F. Love, solicitior, complaining of over-assessment on Mr. D. O'Kearn's property. Finance Committee.

From Rev. J. Shulte, claiming exemption from taxation. Finance Committee.

From T. Wilson and 69 other freeholders, asking that none but freeholders be allowed to vote on the Exhibition Grounds By-law. Finance Committee.

From R. Hodgins, calling the attention of the Council to the defective covering of the water tank at the corner of King and Talbot street. Referred to Fire, Water and Gas Committee, with power.

From E. A. Taylor & Co., an account of $85.82, for stationery, etc. Referred to Printing and Finance Committee.

From J. Ball, an account of $1.00, for repairing culvert in No. 5 Ward. Referred to Board of Works.

The By-law appointing the Aldermen previously nominated, a Court of Revision, was read and passed.

Ald. Pritchard, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the following accounts, find them correct and recommend the same for payment, viz.:

E. Glackmeyer, election expenses	$ 20 00
R. Scott	12 00
J. Plummer	20 50
W. McBride	12 00
J. M. Kidry	27 50
A. Wallace	9 50
C. S. Corrigan	44 00
J. McKenzie	30 00
A. Purdom	11 00
A. Gunn	30 50
H. S. Woodward	11 00
R. Dinahan	24 00
Jas. Cowan	3 50
J. H. White	19 00
	$274 50

Your Committee would also recommend that the request of the secretary of the Separate School be complied with.

The attention of his worship, the Mayor, having been called by Mr. W. R. Meredith to a Bill now before the Ontario Legislature, introdoced by Mr. Harcourt, entitled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act," the provisions of which if enacted would be detrimental to the City's interest. Your Committee would recommend this Council to instruct our

representative to oppose the second reading of said Biil or to urge its amendment so as to abolish all tolls on gravel roads in the county of Middlesex.

An eroneous impression having gone abroad that the representatives of the press have been excluded from the committee meetings of this Council, and in order to remove any doubt on the matter we would recommend this Council to confirm the privilege so long enjoyed by the press.

Your Committee would further recommend that the by-law passed last year imposing 7 per cent. interest on unpaid taxes after the first of April be rescinded.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the report be committed, with His Worship in the chair. Lost.

Motion carried.

Ald. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Works, submitted the following report:

1. Your Board recommend that the sum of $40 be paid to Mr. John Kincade for damage sustained by an overflow of water in his cellar, upon his filing with the chairman of this Board a declaration of his loss, with the items.

2. That the claim of Messrs. Ferguson Bros. for work done in No. 3 Ward be paid and that the City Engineer certify the amount.

3. That the tender of William Anthistle for supply of one hundred cords of cobble stone at $2.50. per cord be accepted.

4. That the sum of $3.50 per cord be paid for breaking stone in the city yard.

5. That the City Engineer be instructed to advertise for tenders for lumber, nails, and also for asphalt and planks for sidewalks.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hiscox the sum of $200 was appropriated for relief purposes.

Ald. Buckle, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee, reported progress.

Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald. Browne, that the office of Clerk of the Weigh Scales be abolished, and that they be put up for public tender.

The resolution was submitted and lost on the following division:

YEAS—Ald. Taylor, Hiscox, Browne, Scarrow, Buckle, Wyatt—6.

NAYS—Alds. Pritchard, Muirhead, Meredith, Thompson, Murray, Cowan, Skinner, Jones, Rooks, Glass, Milroy, Wilson, Boyd, Sharman, Peel—15.

Moved by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Peel, that the reporters of the daily press be duly notified by the City Clerk, of the meeting of all the standing and special committees of the Council. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Feb. 2nd, 1880.

The Council met at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present—Aldermen Pritchard, Thompson, Murray, Cowan, Skinner, Taylor, Rooks, Milroy, Glass, Wilson, Wyatt, Sharman, Jones, Meredith, Boyd, Scarrow, Peel, Muirhead.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed the following communications were read:

From Thos. Churcher, soap manufacturer, asking that the patronage heretofore bestowed upon him be again returned. Hospital and Relief.

From John Evans, asking permission to move building on King street, eight feet to the rear. Fire, Water and Gas, with power.

From Thos. Churcher, asking remission of taxes. Finance and Assessment.

From W. G. H. Parkhouse, asking remission of taxes. Finance and Assessment.

From Sergeant Drumgole on behalf of E. Battery, asking for the free use of the City Hall on the 12th inst., for a promenade concert. Granted.

From R. McElheran, complaining that while coming down Richmond-st. recently the animal he was driving stepped into a hole in the bridge and injured itself and broke the buggy, wherefore he claims $34.75. Board of Works.

Ald. Jones, Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, submitted the following report:

1. The petitions of John Park and J. G. Park for the positions of city chimney sweeps be laid over.

2. We recommend that no streets be watered unless petitioned for by the residents (except Dundas street from Ridout to Wellington, and from G. W. R. to Fullerton on Richmond street), and that we advertise in the city press that no petition will be received after the 15th March

3. That the brown horse in the Fire Brigade be sold and a suitable horse purchased in his place.

4. That a new stove be purchased for the sleeping room of the fire hall.

On motion the report was committed, his Worship in the chair.

First clause read and passed.

Second clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Murray, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the time be extended to the 1st of April. Lost.

Clause passed.

Third and fourth clauses were read and passed.

Committee arose and the Council resumed.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Taylor, chairman of the License Committee, submitted the following report:—

1. Your Committee recommend that the License Inspector occupy a portion of the Collector's office in the City Hall, and that a suitable table be furnished for that purpose.

2. In the matter of T. P. Clair your Committee recommend no action.

3. Your Committee recommend that the Mayor be requested to issue a proclamation that all dog taxes shall be collected before the 1st of April next.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Meredith, chairman of the Printing Committee, submitted the following report:

The Printing Committee beg leave to report having carefully examined Messrs. John Cameron & Co.'s account for printing and advertising amounting to $231.94, also Messrs. E. A. Taylor & Co.'s for books and stationery amounting to $85.82, find both correct and recommend the same to the Finance Committee for payment.

On motion the report was adopted.

Ald. Skinner, chairman of the Railway

Committee, submitted the following report.

We your Railway Committee beg respectfully to report the following resolution in answer to the communication of the Reeve of Springfield :

Resolved, that while we view with favor the extension of our railway system, and deem it our duty to further all feasible schemes to that end, yet in the absence of any knowledge as to the proposed route of the London Junction Railway or the views of the promoters, we are unable to form any opinion as to the course to be pursued, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Reeve of Springfield.

Ald. Murray objected to the adoption of the report, there was some hing covert in the clause. He made the following resolution in amendment, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that this report be referred back to the Railway Committee, with instructions to ascertain from the promoters of the London Junction Railway, whether it is intended to build said road as an independent line or subject to the control of another road, or any other information that may be of benefit to the citizens. Lost. Report adopted.

A long and boisterous discussion took place, during which Ald. Brown remained standing, and ceaselessly stated to His Worship that he had the floor and should maintain it. He was not to be sat upon, and it was just as well the Mayor was made aware of his determination.

Ald. Milroy, chairman of the Park Committee, submitted the following report in the form of a resolution, that a grant of $860 be made for improvements in the park.

His Worship stated that the report should not be presented in the form of a resolution but as a recommendation.

Ald. Pritchard said the report could not be received.

Ald. Wilson did not think the Council should take exception to the informality of the report.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Taylor, seconded by Ald. Hiscox, that the grant be not made until the Board of Works have reported estimates for improvements.

When quietness was at length restored, Ald. Pritchard gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the rent of the offices now occupied by the Water Commissioners be $600 per annum.

Board adjourned for two weeks.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Feb. 16th, 1880.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual hour in the Council Chamber, the Mayor presiding. Present—Aldermen Pritchard, Meredith, Taylor, Jones, Rooks, Milroy, Wilson, Boyd, Buckle, Wyatt, Sharman, Peel, Browne, Thompson, Cowan, Scarrow, Hiscox, Skinner, Muirhead, Glass and Murray.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed by His Worship.

The following communications were read from Anson Paul, Mrs. Wm. Shaw, Rev. A. Grant, Mrs. Joseph F. Rolfe, George Norris, Mrs. Jane Insill, Mrs. Balfe, J. M. Cousins, Mrs. George Vincent, Mrs. Mills and Thos. Bond, asking for remission and reduction of taxes. Finance Committee.

From A. S. Murray & Co., $40, for attending to city clock. Finance Committee.

From R. L. Polk & Co., requesting the Council to signify to them the number of City Directors required this year. Finance Committee.

From J. W. Jones and others, asking that a street lamp be placed at the corner of Waverly Place and Colborne street. Fire, Water and Gas.

From C. W. Duncan, applying for the position of chimney sweep. Fire, Water and Gas.

From the Secretary of the Water Commissioners, an account of $25.25 from Stephens, Turner & Burns. Fire, Water and Gas.

From the Clerk of the County of Middlesex, a copy of a resolution passed at the last session of the Council asking the Board of Alderman to discontinue the practice of allowing public auctions on the Market Square during market days. Referred to Market Committee.

From E. Aston and a large number of ratepayers petitioning the Council to grant $1,000 for the relief of the destitute in Ireland.

On motion, the Deputation from the Irish Relief Committee to bring the petition for $1,000 to the consideration of the Council, was heard.

Mr. H. D. Long, Ex. Ald. Regan, Mr. David Glass, Q. C., and Ex-Ald. Christie and Fraser addressed the Council.

On motion, the 82nd section of the rules of order was suspended.

Moved by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the prayer of the petition be granted, and his Worship be authorized to sign a check for the amount of $1,000. Carried.

The yeas and nays being called for, the following vote was recorded :—

Yeas—Aldermen Pritchard, Meredith, Thompson, Murray, Skinner, Taylor, Rooks, Milroy, Glass, Wilson, Boyd, Scarrow, Buckle, Sharman, Wyatt, Peel, Jones—17.

Nays—Aldermen Cowan, Hiscox, Brown and Muirhead—4.

Ald. Pritchard, chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report :—

Your Committee after careful consideration beg to make the following recommendations :

1st. That the communication of Mr. Lawrason asking quarterly return of convictions by the Police Magistrate, be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners, they having superseded the late clerk of the Police Court.

2nd. That the petition of Thos. Wilson and others, asking that none but freeholders be allowed to vote on the by-law imposing frontage tax be complied with.

3rd. That leaseholders with five years unexpired and freeholders only be allowed to vote on the by-law now before the electors providing for the sale of the Exhibition Grounds.

4th. That the request of Col. Otter for a grant for the Rifle Brigade be not complied with.

5th. That the account of the Water Commissioners amounting to $6,881.94 be

referred to the Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

6th. That the sum of $[illegible] be charged the Water Commissioners as an annual rent on the offices now occupied by that Board.

7th. That all diligent means should be used in collecting the overdue taxes of 1879.

8th. That the account of Dr. Wilkinson amounting to $25 be not entertained.

9th. That no accounts be received by your Committee unless first having been passed by the Committee under whose jurisdiction they are incurred.

10th. The following accounts have been examined and are recommended for payment, viz:

Hospital supplies	$ 337 34
Fire Department	260 24
Registry Office	7 00
Board of Health	2 50
Police Station	17 45
J. Fairgrieve	240 70
A. B. Aikens, disbursements	8 25
J. Casserly	234 94
E. A. Taylor	85 82
John Law	152 29
Fitzgerald & Scandrett	20 19
S. McBride	27 71
	$1,377 46

On motion, the report was received and considered seriatim.

1st clause read and adopted.

2nd clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Meredith, that the clause be struck out. Lost.

Yeas—Pritchard, Muirhead, Meredith, Thompson, Murray, Wilson and Hasse. —7.

Nays—Hewer, Skinner, Taylor, Jones, Buckle, Glass, Milroy, Browne, Boyd, Scarrow, Brickle, Wyatt, Shannon and Peel—14.

Clause adopted.

Third clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the clause be struck out. Carried.

Yeas—Pritchard, Muirhead, Meredith, Thompson, Murray, Skinner, Taylor, Jones, Buckle, Milroy, Wilson and Boyd. 12.

Nays—Cowan, Hewer, Glass, Browne, Scarrow, Brickle, Wyatt, Shannon and Peel. 9.

4th, 5th and 6th clauses read and adopted.

7th clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the clause be struck out. Lost.

Clause adopted.

8, 9 and 10 read and adopted.

Ald. Thompson chairman, submitted the following report :—

Your Board beg to report having received tenders for labor and materials awarded the contracts as follows :—

1st. Plank sidewalks, 4, 6 and 8 feet wide, to William Howie.

2nd. Plank sidewalk, 10 and 12 feet wide, to Paul Phipps.

3rd. Asphalt sidewalks, to William McIntosh, at forty cents per yard.

4th. Gravelling all south of Dundas street, to Mr. Wallace's, screened, $2.12½; unscreened, $1.81.

5th. Gravelling north of Dundas street to William Ambidge, screened, $2.75; unscreened, $2.25.

6th. Paving; Mr. McIntosh, at 15 cents per yard.

7th. Supplying paving stones, at $3.50 per cord, to William Ambidge.

8th. Lumber at $11.22 M., to Messrs. Ferguson Bros.

9th. Putting in culverts and excavations, to Paul Phipps, at $15 per M. small, and $16.50 per M. large, and 1.3 cents per yard for excavations.

10th. Nails at $3.75 per 100 lbs., to T. H. Marsh.

11th. 150 cords of stone will be required in addition to the present supply in order to keep the laborers employed.

On motion the report was received and considered seriatim. 1st & 2nd clauses read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that the clause be referred back with instructions to consider the advisability of using cedar instead of pine elsewhere. Carried.

3rd clause read.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the clause be struck out. Lost.

Clause adopted.

4th clause read and adopted.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that the clause be referred back to consider the advisability of gravelling the street by sections. Lost.

Clause adopted.

5th clause read and adopted.

6th and 7th clause read and adopted.

Eighth clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the clause be referred back. Carried.

Tenth and eleventh clauses read and adopted.

Ald. Jones, Chairman of Fire Water and Gas, submitted the following report :

1st. That the petition of John Evans to move building be granted.

2nd. That the resignation of Mr. Short, chimney sweep for the southern part of the city be accepted, and for the appointment of successors we report progress.

3rd. That the following accounts be paid :—S. McBride, $27.21; passed. Fitzgerald & Scandrett, $20.19; passed.

4th. Mr. Chas. Mingay, who has been foreman of the Fire Department, tendered his resignation, and Mr. McMurchy appointed his successor. Passed.

5th. That $7.50 paid by Mr. Mingay for substitute be refunded. Passed.

6th. That James Riddell be appointed a call man on the Fire Department, and that the Police Commissioners be requested to appoint a man from the force to act as night watchman and ring the fire alarm. Passed.

7th. That the salary of the Chief Engineer be $1,000 per annum.

On motion, the report was received and considered seriatim.

1st, 2nd and 3rd clauses read and adopted.

4th and 5th clauses read and adopted.

6th clause read.

Moved by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the clause be referred back with instructions to consult the City Engineer as to the probable cost of having the city hall erected at the Firemen's Hall, on King street, and to report to this Council at as early a date as possible.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Peel, that that part of the clause referring to the appointment of Mr. Riddle pass, and that the latter part be referred back. Carried.

7th clause read,

And referred to the Salary Committee. Carried.

Report adopted.

Ald. Hewer, Chairman of the Hospital Committee, submitted the following report :

Your Committee report as follows :

1st. That your Committee visited the Hospital, and found everything clean and in good order; the patients well satisfied with the treatment they are receiving and so expressed themselves.

2nd. That your Committee would recommend the payment of the following accounts: Straw, $1.88; R. Keighley, cab hire, $3; cab for conveying Mulvany to Hospital, 75c.; straw, $3.60; McCallum for medicines, $2.75; Bassham for loam for medicines, $2.75; Bassham for bread, $51.94; Wood, $9.00; O'Callagan, groceries, $172.11; C. Brickle, meat, $93.75; Mrs. Wales, milk, $23.13; servants' wages, $88; Myles, coals $24.00; Anderson & Co., stationery, $2.35; Williams, teaming piano, $2.50; Mason & Dudley $2.50; W. Taylor, shoes, $2.50; A. Ward, $7.50; W. J. Wilson, soap $12.20; cab, for Mulvaney to Hospital, $1; G. F. Shaffer, $2.00; W. S. Strong, medicines, $67.14; surgical instruments, $6; Bassham, fruit cakes, $15.47. Total, $667.34.

3rd. Relief Inspector's Report was received, examined and adopted, distributing $65.35 cash and 82½ cords of wood to the poor of the city in the different wards, as follows :—

Ward No.					
Ward No.	1		15 75		18
"	"	2	22		8½
"	"	3	1 50		10½
"	"	4	3 50		9
"	"	5	4 00		13½
"	"	6	12 75		15
"	"	7	14 00		7½
Total			$65 50		82½

4th. The communication of Mr. I. Churcher, relative to supplying the hospital with soap, your committee would recommend it be granted.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Buckle gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the amounts for which each ratepayer is assessed be granted or omitted in the rolls for that published each year by this Council.

Ald. Taylor gave notice that he would move that the Council consider the matter of sewerage at its next meeting, in order to carry out a motion carried by the Council of 1879, that debentures be issued for $50,000, being the Engineer's estimate, sufficient to build sewers above most required.

Ald. Pritchard gave notice that he would at the next meeting of this Council

move that a by-law be prepared in accordance with section No. 5 of the amended Waterworks Act of 1878, vesting the full management of the London Waterworks in this Council; the by-law if passed to take effect at the commencement of the year 1881.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that this Council petition the Dominion Government for power to dispose of the 3½ acres of land adjoining the High School grounds, the proceeds to be expended in constructing sewers where necessary.

Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Glass, that his Worship the Mayor, with Aldermen Glass, Buckle, Taylor and Peel be a Special Committee to confer with the East Middlesex Agricultural Society, and the Committee appointed by the Middlesex County Council, to see what arrangement can be made in reference to the sale of the present Exhibition Grounds, and to report to this Council.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Muirhead, that all matters affecting the sale or retention of the Exhibition Grounds be first submitted to the Exhibition Committee to report upon. Carried.

The Council adjourned for two weeks.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Feb. 17th, 1880.

A special meeting of the Council was held last night in the Council Chamber, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present: Aldermen Pritchard, Thompson, Glass, Skinner, Boyd, Peel, Wyatt, Meredith, Cowan, Taylor, Jones, Wilson, Sharman, Milroy, Baown and Scarrow.

His Worship stated the object of the meeting, when it was

Moved by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Peel,

"That this Council having heard with extreme regret the death of an old and esteemed citizen, the late Thomas Carling, Esq., who has been a resident of this locality for over fifty years, and who has, while this city was in its infancy, had taken a warm interest in its welfare, having been a member of the Town Council for five years, and also took an active interest in our Board of Education when few men were qualified.

Resolved, That this Council express their admiration of the noble qualities of the deceased, who having been an estimable citizen was also a generous friend, whose many acts of kindness will long be remembered, and that this Council, as a token of respect, do attend the funeral in a body, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family.

Resolution carried by a standing vote.

Ald. Jones moved, that Ald. Taylor, Thompson and Ald. Boyd, with the mover, be a committee to arrange for attending the funeral. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the Council adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow at the City Clerk's Office. Carried.

Council adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Mar. 1st, 1880.

The Board of Aldermen met at the usual hour in the Council Chamber, the Mayor presiding. Present—Aldermen Pritchard, Meredith, Thompson, Murray, Cowan, Skinner, Taylor, Jones, Rooks, Milroy, Glass, Browne, Wilson, Boyd, Buckle, Wyatt, Sharman, Peel, Muirhead, Scarrow, Hiscox.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed, when the following communications were read :

From A. F. Marsh, Secretary of Temperance Union, applying for the free use of the City Hall three Sunday afternoons in March for temperance lectures.—Granted.

From Hon. John Carling, expressing his sense of gratitude for the resolution of condolence recently passed by the Board on the death of his father Thomas. Fyled.

From Rev. J. H. Robinson, claiming $10 for damages sustained by him through a defective sidewalk, about ten days since while walking on Pall Mall street. Board of Works.

From Mrs. J. L. Moore, on behalf of the Trustees of the Protestant Home, asking the Council to assist them in the maintenance of the Home. Finance.

From Mrs. A. M. Wilson, of Talbot street, asking a reduction of taxes on her two houses. Finance and Assessment.

From William McDonough and thirty-eight others, asking for a crossing on Dundas street, between Colborne and Waterloo streets. Board of Works.

From D. McKenzie and 32 others, asking that a plank sidewalk be laid down on Bond, from Cartwright to Colborne streets. Board of Works.

From Wm. Crittle and 20 others, giving notice that they do not desire that portion of King street watered which fronts their property. Fire, Water and Gas.

From Edward Galpin and 20 others, asking that a sidewalk be placed on the west side of William street, between South and Philip streets. Board of Works.

From James McDonald, Talbot street, complaining of over assessment. Finance.

From Chas. McArthur, asking to be relieved from income tax. Finance.

From Mrs. M. Coleman, asking that the taxes on her property on Ridout street be reduced. Finance.

From Mrs. McLean, complaining of excessive taxation on house on Colborne street. Finance.

An account from M. D. Dawson & Co., printing, $97.88, was referred to the Finance and Printing Committees.

Major Peters addressed the Council, regarding the grant of $75 made by the Board to the London Field Battery for purchasing busbies. He stated he had purchased the hats and had still $40 remaining in his hands. He wished to ask the Council if they would allow him to use this balance for purposes of the battery.

On motion the request was granted.

Ald. Pritchard Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report :—

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the following accounts and find them correct, and recommend the same for payment, viz.:

H. B. B. Alley	$ 31 05
Cabs	18 00
A. S. Murray	40 00
H. B. B. Alley, Hospital acct.	78 56
	$167 61

We also beg to report funds for the grant of $1,000, made to the Irish relief fund.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Chairman also submitted the annual statement audited for 1879.

On motion the number of copies to be printed was referred to the Finance Committee with power.

Ald. Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Works, submitted the following report.

1. Your Board beg to report that they have reconsidered the matter referred

back by the Council, and recommend that the tenders of William Howie and Paul Phipps be accepted for sidewalks. Mr. Phipps agrees to take the same price as Mr. Howie, the work to be equally divided, Mr. Howie to have the choice of divisions 4-14½; 6-21½; 8-27; 10-32; 12-37.

2. The contract for culverts is awarded to William Howie, together with the excavations; $14 50 per M. for culverts, and 12½ per yard for excavations.

3. Your Board would recommend that the police be instructed to prosecute all persons throwing ashes or other rubbish on the streets or squares.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion the report was received and considered *seriatim*.

1st, 2nd and 3rd clauses read and adopted.

Ald. Jones, Chairman of the Fire, Water and Gas Committee, submitted the following report:

1st. That the petition of G. W. Duncan for the position of city chimney sweep be laid over for further consideration.

2nd. That the petition of J. W. Jones and others, for a lamp in front of Waverly Place, be left in abeyance for the present, it being understood that the lamp would be placed where it had been arranged by the members of last year. Fire, Water and Gas Committee.

3rd. The account of Stevens, Turner & Burns, for hydrant gates, was referred back to the Commissioners for payment, as your Committee is of opinion that the gates were procured for the use of the Commissioners, and they are liable for the payment of the same.

4th. That Lawrence Powers be appointed night watchman of the City Hall and ring the fire alarm bell, and that the Police Commissioners be requested to appoint him a Special Constable, at a salary of $350 per annum.

5th. Your committee would recommend that a tower be erected at the Fireman's Hall, and the alarm bell be placed as soon as possible, the cost not to exceed $1,200, according to a plan prepared by the City Engineer, the tower to be 12 feet square at the bottom, and tapering up to about 8 feet at the summit, and to the height of 85 feet.

6th. The Water Commissioners attended the meeting, and informed the Committee that a meeting of the London East Council and the Commissioners would be held on Tuesday next. We would recommend that the corporation of London East be supplied with water from the city waterworks at a rate of one and a-third, they supplying their own mains, hydrant and service pipes.

On motion, the report was received and considered *seriatim*.

1st clause read and adopted.

2nd clause read.

Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Buckle, that the lamp be granted. Lost.

Clause adopted.

3rd clause read and adopted.

4th clause read.

Ald Scarrow moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that the clause be referred back. Lost.

The motion to adopt was then put and carried.

5th clause read.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that the clause be struck out. Carried.

6th clause read.

Ald. Pritchard moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the offer of last year's Council to supply London East still remain open; but should London East see fit to make this Council an offer, we should be prepared to consider it in a liberal spirit. Carried.

The yeas and nays being called for on the 4th clause, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS—Aldermen Meredith, Murray, Cowan, Jones, Rooks, Milroy, Brown, Wilson, Boyd, Scarrow, Wyatt, Sharman and Peel.

NAYS — Pritchard, Skinner, Taylor, Glass and Buckle.

Yeas and nays on 5th clause were called for and recorded as follows:

YEAS — Meredith, Skinner, Taylor, Jones, Rooks, Wilson, Boyd, Wyatt.

NAYS—Pritchard, Muirhead, Thompson, Murray, Cowan, Milroy, Glass, Browne, Scarrow, Buckle, Sharman and Peel.

Ald. Taylor, chairman of the License Committee, submitted the following report:

1. The License Inspector brought in his report, showing the amount collected since last report to be $137, which was paid in to the Treasurer.

2. That the License Inspector collect all licenses, as directed by the by-laws, and that the rate be the same as last year.

3. That the License Inspector's salary be $400 per annum.

On motion the report was received and considered *seriatim*.

1st and 2nd clauses read and adopted.

3rd clause read.

Moved by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Buckle, that the clause be referred to the Salaries Committee. Carried.

Ald. Buckle, chairman of the Exhibition Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr. William McBride, Secretary of the Western Fair, beg to recommend that the by-law for the sale of the exhibition grounds be withdrawn indefinately. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Moved by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Glass, that in as much as the two by-laws passed by the Council of 1879, and known as "Sale of Exhibition Grounds" and "Frontage Tax Question," were to have been voted upon by the ratepayers on March 15, and through some inadvertence have not been published in accordance with the law, this Council resolved that voting on said by-laws be postponed until Monday, April 26, next.

2. That should the by-law first named be carried, the Council shall proceed to dispose of said grounds, but shall not give possession to the purchasers until the week following the Western Fair.

3. That the County of Middlesex and the Agricultural Society of East Middlesex having a lien on the sixteen acres lying east of Wellington street to hold fairs, &c., in consideration of their relinquishing all their rights to the present Fair Grounds, the Council will purchase not less than thirty acres elsewhere within two miles of the City Hall, and erect suitable buildings and fences, to be approved of by the above.

4. That the grounds, fences and buildings, when completed, shall not exceed in cost the sum realized from the sixteen acres above mentioned; the buildings and fences on present Fair Grounds may be utilized as far as suitable, on new grounds; such rights to be given to County and East Middlesex Agricultural Society over new grounds and buildings as now possessed in present grounds and buildings, and a bond to be given by the city and East Middlesex Agricultural Society for the due performance of the above agreement.

5. That the proceeds arising from the sale of the remaining portion of the grounds, being fourteen acres, more or less, be applied towards initiating a thorough system of sewerage within the city where most required.

6. With reference to the site for locating the new Exhibition Buildings, a number of parties have offered land at very reasonable rates, and, as conflicting opinions may arise as to what direction would prove most advantageous to the city's interests, the Council is of the opinion that the question of site might be voted upon simultaneously with the by-law for sale of present grounds.

On motion, the whole matter, was referred to the Finance Committee to report.

Ald. Peel, Chairman of the Salaries Committee, submitted the following report:

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report on salaries for the year 1880:—

1	A. S. Abbott, City Clerk,	$1100	per annum.
2	John Brown, Treasurer, (and he to furnish his own guarantee security)	1300	"
3	T. H. Tracy, City Engineer	800	"
4	L. W. Owen, Street Commissioner, (and he to pay his own horse hire)	700	"
5	D. Hughes, Relief Officer	400	"
6	J. W. Nash, Clerk Wood Market	400	"
7	R. Mawhinney, Janitor City Hall	500	"
8	T. Winnett, Weigh Clerk	800	"
9	J. F. Duncas, License Inspector	200	"
10	J. M. Keary, Asst Clerk	300	"
11	J. Grant, Caretaker Park	400	"
12	Two Auditors, (each)	100	"
13	Two Collectors, one per cent. on the amount collected by them.		
14	Two Assessors, (each)	$500	
15	Mayor's Office,	600	
16	J. G. Scragg, caretaker exhibition grounds,	150	

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17	T. Wastie, Chief Engineer,	$ 800
18	Salaries for men, same as last year	3,300
19	D. Morgan, Janitor	300

On motion, the report was received and considered *seriatim*.

1st clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Buckle, that the salary remain the same as last year. Lost.

Clause adopted.

Yeas and Nays being called for, the following vote was recorded:

YEAS—Meredith, Jones, Milroy, Cowan, Skinner, Thompson, Murray, Glass, Rooks and Sharman.

NAYS—Brown, Boyd, Buckle, Scarrow, Peel and Wyatt.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, clauses read and adopted.

8th clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Scarrow, that the amount be reduced to $600. Lost.

Clause adopted.

YEAS—On the amendment Jones, Scarrow, Buckle, Wyatt and Peel, 6.

NAYS—Muirhead, Meredith, Cowan, Thompson, Skinner, Murray, Glass, Rooks and Milroy, 9.

9th clause read.

Moved by Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Taylor, that the salary be $400.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Peel, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the clause be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Meredith, that the salary be $300. Lost.

10th, 11th and 12th clauses read and adopted.

13th clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Cowan, seconded by Ald. Thompson, that the clause be referred back. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Brown, that the salary be $600. Lost.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Glass, seconded by Ald. Buckle, that the amount be ¾ per cent. Carried.

14th clause read.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Buckle, seconded by Ald. Milroy, that the amount be $450.

On motion of Ald. Cowan and Muirhead, the Board adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Mar. 8th, 1880.

The Council met at the usual hour in the Council Chamber. Present — His Worship the Mayor, Alds. Pritchard, Murray, Cowan, Skinner, Taylor, Glass and Wilson.

The Council adjourned for want of a quorum.